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Register by Monday, June 21, to

Exercise Your Right to *Vote* This Election Year



All of us at the City of Marietta remind you to get out and vote this election year.

But remember, you have to register by Monday, June 21, if you want to vote in the general primary on July 20.

You can download a voter registration form from the Georgia Secretary of State's Web

site at www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/applications.htm. Register at several convenient sites in the area, such as Marietta City Hall, the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, the Cobb County Board of Elections or any of our county's public libraries.

For more information, please visit www.cobbelections.org. You can also call (770) 528-2581 or (770) 528-2300. For TDD, please call (770) 528-1191. ⚡

Water whys

Tip to Help You Conserve Water

Keep Your Plants and Wallet Greener This Spring and Summer



Efficient water use can help you keep plants greener and water bills lower this spring and summer.

Depending on your soil, flower and vegetable gardens and flower beds usually need only one to two inches of water per week, either from rainwater or irrigation. Do not water again until the top few inches of soil begin to dry out.

Frequent, light watering encourages shallow rooting. This condition makes plants more likely to suffer during droughts. Too much water, especially if your soil doesn't drain well, can deprive roots of the oxygen they need to grow. Keep a rain gauge near your garden, then supplement rainfall with irrigation water if needed.

You can also keep plants healthy and stretch the amount of water you use by:

- **Adding organic matter to soil.** Organic material helps soil use water more efficiently. In clay-rich soil, organic material improves drainage and enables water to penetrate soil deeper and faster.
- **Mulching.** Mulch keeps water from quickly evaporating

out of the soil and helps control weeds that consume water. Organic mulch also adds organic material to soil.

- **Choosing plants with healthy root systems.** A vigorous, well-developed root system will help a plant establish itself faster.
- **Preparing soil six inches or more.** Deeply preparing your soil helps plants get established faster. As a result, plants get through their high-water-need period faster. Deeper roots also give the plant access to more water.
- **Watering early.** To limit loss from evaporation, water plants, lawns and gardens during early morning hours, when wind speed and temperatures are lowest.
- **Irrigating wisely.** Soaker hoses use less water than traditional sprinklers. So does micro and drip irrigation. So, choose the most efficient watering system for each application in your landscape or garden. ⚡

Visit Marietta Power on the Internet: www.mariettapower.com

Honor Those Who Died Defending Our Nation This Memorial Day with a Moment of Silence

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day provides us with the opportunity to remember and reflect upon the sacrifices made by the men and women who have died serving our nation.

The origins of the celebration remain unclear. In fact, more than two dozen cities and towns claim to have started the tradition. President Lyndon Johnson tried to put the controversy to rest in 1966, when he proclaimed Waterloo, N.Y., as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Yet it remains likely that the holiday we celebrate today had many separate beginnings.

Historians have even found evidence that some Memorial Day traditions, such as decorating the graves of fallen heroes, began in the South before the end of the Civil War. For example, a hymn titled "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping," written by Nella I. Sweet and published in 1867, included a dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are

Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead."

In any event, we do know that General John Logan established the tradition of celebrating Memorial Day in late May when he issued his General Order Number 11 on May 5, 1868. The first observance followed on May 30 of that year, and included placing flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

New York became the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. By 1890, all other northern states had adopted the holiday as well. These early celebrations focused entirely on soldiers who had died fighting in the Civil War.

As a result, southern states selected a separate day on which to honor their Civil War dead. In fact, several southern states continue to honor fallen Confederate soldiers at different times of the year. For example, Georgia continues to celebrate

Confederate Memorial Day on April 26.

Fortunately, the South began to accept Memorial Day as a holiday shortly after World War I, when the government changed its focus to make it a day for honoring all Americans who died fighting in any war. In 1971, to ensure a three-day weekend for federal holidays, Congress firmly established the date for Memorial Day as the last Monday in May.

To help remind Americans of Memorial Day's true meaning, Congress passed the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution on December 2000. The measure asks all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day and "voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'" ⚡



Calendar of Events

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Glover Park Concert Series
Marietta Square
Call (770) 794-5601
for information.

Saturday, May 22

Legends Concert Series
Glover Park on the Square
COOL 105.7 will be teaming with the City of Marietta to present oldies by Beary Hobbs Drifters and The Marvelettes. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. Call (770) 794-5601 for information or visit www.mariettaga.gov.

Tables Now Available!

Now through June 6

Lost In Yonkers by Cobb Players
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.

Now through June 12

Camelot by Barnbuster Musicals
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.

Now through June 13

Keep On The Sunny Side
Theatre in the Square
Call (770) 422-8369
for information.

Now through June 28

Living Traditions: Folk Artists Of The American South
Marietta Museum of History
Call (770) 528-0431
for information.

Tuesday, June 15

Life Thru The Viewfinder
Gallery Opening
East Cobb Senior Center
Call (770) 509-4900
for information.